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SUBJECT: POLICE UNVEIL ALLEGED MEMBERS OF SENDERO

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REF: (A) LIMA 2750, (B) LIMA 1335, (C) LIMA 3270

1. (U) ON APRIL 2, PERUVIAN POLICE DISPLAYED TO PRESS
TEN ALLEGED SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS CAPTURED
OVER PAST THREE WEEKS. POLICE FORBADE REPORTERS
TO QUESTION THE SUSPECTS, BUT RELEASED INFORMATION
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GAINED FROM INTERROGATIONS AND MATERIAL EVIDENCE,
INCLUDING HANDGUNS, DYNAMITE, AND INCENDIARY DEVICES.
INDIVIDUALS OPERATED IN TWO DISTINCT GROUPS. FOUR
BELONGED TO AN EXECUTION SQUAD (COMANDO DE ANIQUILACION),
INCLUDING AN 18 YEAR OLD WOMAN AND TWO MEN IN THEIR
EARLY TWENTIES, AND ONE MINOR MALE. POLICE SAID THIS
GROUP ADMITTED IT HAD CARRIED OUT THE ASSASSINATIONS OF
SEVEN POLICEMEN AND ARMY AND NAVY OFFICERS BETWEEN
NOVEMBER 1985 AND MARCH 1986, INCLUDING THE MARCH MURDER

OF NAVY COMMANDER JORGE ALZAMORA (REF A). THE GROUP
ALLEGEDLY ALSO CARRIED OUT THE 1985 CAR BOMBING
ATTACKS AGAINST THE LIMA AND CALLAO PROVINCIAL PREFECT
OFFICES.

2. (U) THE SECOND GROUP WAS A SUPPORT GROUP

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("DESTACAMENTO ZONAL DE APOYO") WHOSE MEMBERS WERE ALL MALES IN THEIR EARLY TWENTIES. POLICE SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING THE EXECUTION SQUAD WITH WEAPONS, DYNAMITE, AND STOLEN CARS, THIS GROUP ALSO CARRIED OUT DYNAMITE ATTACKS AGAINST SEVERAL APRA PARTY OFFICES AND POLICE STATIONS, ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION TOWERS, AND THE FEBRUARY FIRE BOMBINGS OF SEVERAL DOWNTOWN DEPARTMENT STORES (REF B). THESE WERE ATTACKS PRESIDENT GARCIA HAD ATTRIBUTED TO UNNAMED RIGHTIST FORCES. GROUP ALSO CARRIED OUT MARCH 26 BOMBINGS OF FOUR PRIVATE SCHOOLS (REF C), CONTRADICTING EARLIER POLICE SPECULATION THAT THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE.

3. (U) POLICE SAID INTERROGATIONS REVEALED THAT BOTH GROUPS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS IN A SEALED ENVELOPE FROM A MESSENGER, WHO IN TURN RECEIVED THEM

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FROM THE SL METROPOLITAN COMMAND. STRICT COMPARTMENTALIZATION HAD PREVENTED POLICE FROM PENETRATING LATTER GROUP, ADMITTED POLICE. MOST OF THE DETAINED SL MEMBERS WERE FROM COMAS, A SLUM AREA IN NORTHERN LIMA. POLICE EMPHASIZED MEMBERS' RELATIVE YOUTH, POVERTY (WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS--SUCH AS THE WOMAN--FROM THE LOWER MIDDLE CLASS), AND CONVICTION.

4. (C) COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT VERIFY THAT CAPTURED INDIVIDUALS WERE TERRORISTS, THE INFORMATION

THAT POLICE CLAIM TO HAVE GAINED FROM THEM APPEARS PLAUSIBLE. SECURITY FORCES HAVE LONG COMPLAINED ABOUT DIFFICULTIES THAT SL COMPARTMENTALIZATION AND CAUTIOUSNESS POSE FOR ATTEMPTS TO PENETRATE THAT ORGANIZATION. CAPTURED TERRORISTS ARE EXTREMELY UNWILLING TO TALK, AND IN ANY CASE HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT NEXT HIGHER LEVEL OF SL. CAPTURE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS GIVES POLICE A FEW MORE PIECES OF THE PUZZLE, BUT PROBABLY IS NOT MAJOR SETBACK FOR SL.

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